

## Local News.

The CHIEFTAIN boometh.

The weather is terrible as cattle.

Rumors of several business changes are afloat.

City Fathers! Give us drainage, or we perish!

Hon. L. B. Bell has been sick since going to Washington, or was at last reports.

John Dameron is open to congratulation on the advent of a son in his family circle.

Read the new advertisements inserted this week. They will enlighten you on important points.

Miss Rogers, of Dog Creek has arrived, and will take up a course of study at Worcester Academy.

Three wagons loaded at this place, Monday, with household goods for J. R. Skinner, at the Osgood Agency.

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good. The unspeakable mud last week has caused the putting down of about 1,200 feet of sidewalk in Vinita. Maybe a little more rain will give us some drainage."

Services in the M. E. Church next Sabbath. Preaching in the morning by the pastor, Rev. L. Dabson, and at night by the Presiding Elder, Rev. Mr. Shaphard. Quarterly conference will be held Monday morning.

A little stranger, feminine in gender, put in an appearance on Wednesday last, at the residence of our boss carpenter, Duran E. Ward, who is doing what he can to prevent the total extinction of the Cherokee race.

Misses Cilla, Lena and Mamie, the accomplished daughters of Capt. R. M. Williams of Neesho Valley, spent last week visiting relatives and friends in another part of the Territory. They report an exceedingly pleasant trip, in spite of mud and bad weather.

In our advertisements our merchants tell you about their business. If you can believe a man you can trust his advertisement. This collection we call your attention to what G. W. Green is saying. You have no idea what bargains you can get there. Go and see.

If M. Fraze & Co., the druggists, do not succeed, it is not for want of faith. They have such faith in Dr. Rosanko's cough and lung syrup as a remedy for coughs, colds, consumption and lung affections that they will give a bottle free to each and every one who is in need of a medicine of this kind.

The Vinita Flouring Mills have been leased to Messrs. Stone & Metcalf, who are now engaged in reorganizing and refitting them. The gentlemen now in charge are practical millers, capable of doing all work in their line in a first-class manner. A good grist mill is very much needed at this place, for the convenience of farmers trading here.

The meetings begun the first of the year are still continuing with increasing interest. Last Sunday evening the congregational church was packed, and the meetings were well attended. In a few days, and would have been earlier, but for sufficient cause. When they become informed of their authority and duties, the Commissioners will doubtless organize and proceed as work.

The temperance and religious revival at Tahlequah and Ft. Gibson, under the influence and leadership of Mrs. Molloy, increases. A letter from one of the most intelligent gentlemen of Ft. Gibson, who is not likely to be carried away by impulse or excitement, states that the interest embraces not only the towns, but extends to the military posts and surrounding country. Nothing like it has been known before in the history of the country, and the influence it must exert will be largely permanent and beneficial.

In reply to frequent inquiries in regard to when action will be taken by the Town Commissioners, in the discharge of the duties imposed on them, it is proper to say that their delay has resulted from a want of the law under which they were appointed. This, we are authorized to say, will be furnished in a few days, and would have been earlier, but for sufficient cause. When they become informed of their authority and duties, the Commissioners will doubtless organize and proceed as work.

The "Song of the Frog," in last week's issue, is founded on the following zoological facts: From the eggs of the green frog spawn is hatched the "polliwog," which has all the characteristics of a worm. This gradually changes to a "tadpole," which has all the characteristics of a fish, gills, fins, fish tail, etc. But the tail is absorbed into the body, and little by little the fish becomes a frog. The peculiarity of the frog is that he must "eat" his breath, instead of "drawing" it. If you put a stick into a frog's mouth so that he can not shut it in order to swallow his mouthful of air, he will suffocate. The wonders of the frog's development and life are no more marvelous than those of the butterfly, or the embryonic life of man.

We have been informed by one of our largest and most intelligent stock men, that cattle in the Cherokee country are not doing well. He has already lost four or five hundred head, with the certainty of many others dying before the winter is over, even with favorable weather. His percentage of loss is already greater than during the past two winters. In one herd of 700 head, introduced late in the season, not less than two-thirds have already died. The loss in cattle of this class is greater than among those that were raised here or brought on the range early in the summer—but among them it is much more than usual. The late heavy fall rains which caused much of the grass to rot on the ground, and extensive fires are assigned as the cause.

A Sore Croup Plug. The first symptom of croup is an intense itching at night after getting warm. This unpleasant sensation is immediately relieved by an application of Dr. Rosanko's Sore Croup Plug. It is all in the form of a ball, salt rheum and ringworm can be permanently cured by the use of this great remedy. Price 50 cents. Manufactured by the Dr. Rosanko Medicine Co., Piquette, O. Sold by M. Fraze & Co.

G. W. Green went to the Delaware court Monday.

Wm. McCracken made a call Tuesday and "answered." Of course it is superfluous to say we are glad to see a man on that business, but aside from that we are glad to see you, Wm. Come in again.

We publish this week three columns of advertisements, and give on our first page, two additional columns of space to home news. We have already a good deal of matter relating to Cherokee antiquities and we promise our readers some facts of great interest. Still the CHIEFTAIN flourisheth.

We very much regret to learn that Mr. A. P. Goodykoontz is again suffering from the effects of his gunshot wound, received some time ago. He had seemed to be well, but was suddenly attacked with severe pains and a chill last week, and is still suffering. We extend him our sincere sympathy.

Married—At the San Francisco Hotel, Vinita, on Jan. 6th, 1884, by Rev. W. P. Haworth, Mr. W. J. Turner and Miss Mollie Hulford, both of Missouri. On Feb. 1st, in the study of the Presbyterian church, Vinita, by Rev. W. P. Haworth, Mr. A. R. Maxie of Missouri and Miss D. A. Maxie of Coconino Grove, Kan. They were very happy looking couple, and were thoughtfully enough to make the officiating clergyman happy also, by a suitable reward.

W. C. Patton & Co. have at last moved into their new store. Their splendid advertisement on our first page speaks for itself. We refer our readers to it for a description of their store and stock. It presents, in a most conservative way, characteristic of the firm, clear evidence of business foresight, sagacity and reliability. We advise our readers to visit their new store and see for themselves, if you do so anything we could say further would be unnecessary.

Large Cattle Transaction. Mr. A. C. Bremer, of the firm of A. C. Bremer & Co., of Tulsa, sold, Monday last, to W. E. Habel of Vinita, 2,000 head of two-year-old steers of extra grade, now in Texas, and deliverable at Red Fork, Ind. Ter., early in the Spring. Terms of sale private. Mr. Bremer has quite recently arrived from Texas, and reports the price of cattle advancing. Stock has wintered there better than was anticipated. This firm expect to have several thousand head more for sale at Tulsa in the spring. Buyers will do well to confer with them.

Cowboys' Prairie Notes. Jan. 30th, 1884. Mud! Mud everywhere! Everybody is enjoying very good health.

The belle of this section lives on the public road from Vinita to Southwest City.

Rev. L. S. Byrd, who has been appointed to preach on the Grand River Circuit for the coming year, is making his home in our border town, Southwest City.

Our energetic and enterprising young citizen, Mr. J. H. Gibson, is about to bring his long aim to a focus. That's right, "Gippy," perseverance commands success.

Married—On the 18th, at the residence of W. Powell, by Judge T. J. McGhee, Mr. Thomas Arnold of the United States and Miss Victoria Powell of the Cherokee Nation. A long and prosperous life on their garden home is the wish of their friends.

Cowboys' Items. Cattle men in this section have the blues. Cattle in poor condition and many dying.

A shooting affray occurred on the 15th inst., between David L. Kline and A. K. Osment, two non-citizens. The shooting took place at Dr. A. J. Lane's residence. Kline shot at Osment with a double barreled shotgun, missing the latter's head and driving a hole in the door two inches square.

Senator Clem Rogers came very near getting drowned in the Verdigris River the other day, while crossing on the ice. His clothing froze on him before he got home.

Married—On the 18th inst., Mr. Ezekiel Taylor to Miss Ada Foreman, daughter of Nelson Foreman, formerly of Going Snake District. We wish them success and happiness. Also, on the 20th inst., Jack Robertson, a German, to Esther Ward, daughter of the ex-solicitor of Coconowocowee District.

Hon. D. W. Lipe's graded bulls have arrived in fine condition.

Claremore Station is a small railroad town on the "Frisco" line, and we regret to say needs just such an example as Miss Molloy taught in Tahlequah a short time ago. Persons going there drink R. G. whiskey and a great deal of patent medicine and flavoring extracts. There will be a great deal of building in this section during the spring months. Among those who contemplate building are G. W. Alberty, F. M. Musgrove, G. W. Eaton and C. C. Lipe. I think that, before purchasing lumber, it would pay them to see Bill Trott of Vinita, whose interests would be advanced could he secure their trade. S. T. Foreman's dwelling is completed, and J. A. Foreman's under headway.

Miss Ida May Collins will return soon to the Female Seminary, where she expects to graduate with high honors.

E. D. Hicks expects to return soon to his former home at Tahlequah, where he will clerk for J. W. Stapler & Son.

We advise all our intelligent people of the Nation to subscribe for the INDIAN CHIEFTAIN, as the best newspaper published in the Territory.

New Court House in Delaware. By authority of law entitled "An Act Making an Appropriation to Build Court Houses in the Several Districts of the Nation," the undersigned committee will let, to the lowest bidder, after advertising 30 days in the Cherokee Advocate and INDIAN CHIEFTAIN newspapers, the contract to build a court house in Delaware District, of the following dimensions and specifications, as set forth in said act, to wit:

Twenty-one feet in width by thirty-three in length, two stories high, with wall sixteen feet. One room in the lower story and four rooms in the second story, connected by a flight of stairs from the inside of the ceiling, with raised platform and jury box and bar—with two doors below and one door in each room above—with eight windows, eight lights, ten by sixteen each, above and below, and the whole painted, inside and out, with lead and oil, and covered with first class shingles. That the doors be four panels each, and an inch and a quarter thick, and the lower windows with shutters on the outside. The court house is to be completed by the first Monday in May next. Parties to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to give bond and security for the complete and faithful fulfillment of the contract. No bids received over One Thousand Dollars. Parties desiring information will be responded to by addressing R. F. Wylie, Mayville, Ark.

R. F. WYLIE, District Judge, J. L. THOMPSON, Solicitor, JOSEPH MUSKIE, Sheriff, Building Committee. Jan. 28th, 1884.

Oklahoma Lands Not to be Opened to Settlers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The following is the unanimous report of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom were referred petitions to Congress, numerous signed, praying that the "Oklahoma lands" in the Indian Territory be opened for settlement: The country known as "Oklahoma" covers a portion of the lands ceded to the United States by the Treaties of 1866 with the Creek and Seminole nations of Indians, respectively, the unsettled portion of which extends from the Canadian river on the south to the Cimarron river on the north, and from the country of the Cheyennes and Arapahoes on the west to the country occupied by the Iowas, Kickapoos and Potawatamies on the east. The third article of the treaty of 1866 with the Creeks (14 Stat., 786,) provides that "in compliance with the desire of the United States to locate other Indians and freedmen thereon, the Creeks hereby cede and convey to the United States to be sold to and used as homes for such other civilized Indians as the United States may choose to settle thereon, the west half of their entire domain to be divided by a line running north and south." The third article of the treaty of 1866 with the Seminoles (14 Stat., 756,) provides that "in compliance with the desire of the United States to locate other Indians and freedmen thereon, the Seminoles cede and convey to the United States their \* \* \*". Those respective articles not only show the object and purpose of the session, but they fix the status of the land and explicitly define the purpose for which it is ceded and manner of its disposition. In a letter to Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated April 25, 1879, the Secretary of the Interior says: By the Intercourse act of June 30, 1834, this tract of territory, with others, was declared Indian country, and for its government the basis was enacted of the present Intercourse laws, as embodied in the Revised Statutes, sections 2,111 to 2,157. Since that period, although the boundary of the Indian country has been varied under the operation of numerous laws, subject to no State or Territorial laws, and excepted from judicial process except under special enactments provided for limited and restricted jurisdiction for the purposes of which it has been, by section 533, Revised Statutes, attached to the Western district of Arkansas. None of the land or general laws of the United States have been extended to any part of the Indian Territory, except as crimes and punishments, and other provisions regulating the intercourse acts. This being the condition of things, it is clear that no authorized settlement could be made by any person in the Territory, except under the provisions of the intercourse laws, such persons having first obtained the permission provided for in those statutes. It may be further stated that no part of said territory remains free from appropriation, either to a direct trust assumed by treaty or by reservation thereon under executive order, except that portion still claimed by the State of Texas, lying between the Red river and the north fork of the same.

It will be seen by this letter from the Secretary of the Interior, that the present legal status of the "Oklahoma lands" is, that they are reserved by treaty stipulation for the purpose of settling Indians and freedmen thereon. The fact that no other disposition can be made except in violation of the

treaty stipulation is, in the opinion of your committee, a sufficient objection to granting the prayer of the petition.

It may be proper to state in this connection that the "freedmen" referred to in the several treaties of 1865 are held by the Interior Department to be such persons of African descent as were formerly held as slaves by the several tribes or nations in the Indian Territory. Your committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted, and the committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the committee.

Pen up the hogs which now roam at large through our streets.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

W. C. Patton & Co. have just removed into their new store, where they are prepared to give better satisfaction to their customers than ever before. Come and see us, and look through our establishment.

Cass makes no bad debts.

Baled hay at Little & Co's.

No more fancy prices at Cass'.

Go to Cass' store to make money.

Go to Little's for coffees and sugars.

Cash and Cass are pards this year you bet!

Baby wagons in many styles at Gus Heck's, Seneca, Mo.

Good goods and low profits is Cass' motto.

Carload of oats just received by Wm. Little and Co.

Corn, oats and mill stuff kept on hand by Thompson & Co.

Cass means business, and offers you greater inducements than ever.

Beautiful sets of jewelry very cheap at W. H. Mitchell's, Seneca, Mo.

Green is still at the front with good goods, low prices and liberal dealing.

Pure wines and brandies for medicinal purposes at W. H. Mitchell's, Seneca, Mo.

Harrows and Corn Planters for the million at McGannon & Bros', Seneca, Mo.

If you buy goods of Cass once, you will buy exclusively of him afterwards.

Buy Seneca Roller Mills Flour at Wm. Little & Co's. It is the best in the market.

W. C. Patton & Co. now have the finest store in the Indian Territory. Go see it and examine their stock.

Cash customers don't have to pay bad debts, or interest on slow accounts at Cass'.

McGannon & Bro., Seneca, Mo., headquarters for Plows of all kinds—call on them.

Buy drugs, toys, notions, gold and silver watches at W. H. Mitchell's, Seneca, Mo.

Finest perfumeries and toilet goods in the market at W. H. Mitchell's, Seneca, Mo.

Three to four dozen pair of hand made boots always on hand at C. F. Luke's, Seneca, Mo.

If you want to buy hardware, farm machinery or saddlery, examine the immense stock at McGannon Bros', Seneca, Mo.

No use to go to St. Louis to buy goods in a large store. W. C. Patton & Co. have as good goods and as fine a store as can be found anywhere.

Should you stand in need of a new harness or saddle, go to McGannon & Bro., Seneca, Mo.

Stoves and Tinware, Iron and Hardware, Farm Machinery and Harness, Clocks, &c., are what McGannon & Bro., Seneca, Mo., will give bargains in.

Call on Thompson & Skinner.

Cass takes no risks. You take none by trading there.

For apples, potatoes, onions, etc., call on Thompson & Co.

Cass guarantees each and every article to give satisfaction.

Queensware, glassware and Tinware at Thompson & Co's.

Go to T. F. Thompson & Co's for the best flour—"Queen" brand.

Green's sale to reduce stock is adding greatly to his trade, which is always very large. Now is the time for bargains!

Gus Heck, at Seneca, Mo., keeps constantly on hand the best selected stock of Furniture and burial cases in the southwest.

It takes a fine stock of goods to stand comparison to such a fine store building as that of W. C. Patton & Co., but their stock outshines itself in their new quarters. Go and examine goods.

There is no question but the Muskego Nursery has the best lot of two-year-old apple trees for sale during February and March, at \$15 per 100, ever seen in the Territory. Those who miss this chance will not be likely to get another equally good very soon.

Now is the time to send in your orders, or come in person, to the Muskego Nursery, if you want any of those fine fruit trees. They will all be closed out during the open weather in February and March.

For Sale.

Three town lots in Vinita, one with good houses, &c., the other two lots unimproved. Also, a well improved ranch on Little Cabin Creek, six miles from Vinita. For further information call on Mr. Smith at Vinita, or the undersigned at the above ranch.

DAVID TAYLOR.

Go! Go! Go!!! to Graysville.

Go to Lewis for clothing. Bound to sell.

Harness and saddles, cheaper than the cheapest at Lewis.

Call on Lewis and receive checks for 365 happy days during 1884.

Dress Making.

Mrs. Luce, at Mrs. Thomas Blue-jacket's, is prepared to do all kinds of Dressmaking at short notice. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed. Children's clothing cut and made to order. Shop up stairs in the old rock building.

House and Lot For Sale.

A good dwelling house, situated in a desirable locality. House contains four rooms and cellar. Corner lot 150x160 feet; good well and out buildings. For particulars apply to G. W. Emmerson, Vinita, I. T.

If any person hearing of cattle branded as above will let me know, either by mail or otherwise, they will confer a favor; and if they will put them in a stalk field and feed them until sent for, I will pay for trouble, &c.

W. G. NEELMS.

Go to Lewis for gloves, he is selling them very low—don't want to carry over.

1884, starts in radiantly at Graysville, caused principally by the beaming countenance of Hicks. Go and see him, he smiles free until 1885.

The Missouri Pacific Railway

Offers unsurpassed advantages to the traveling public in the shape of fast time, elegant equipment and superior accommodations. This great system, embracing 6,029 miles of road, runs its trains into the Union Depots of St. Louis, Kansas City, Hannibal, Atchison, St. Joseph, Omaha, Parsons, Denison, Ft. Worth, Mineola, Taylor, San Antonio, Galveston, New Orleans, and all other of the principal cities of Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Louisiana and Texas. Their coaches and baggage cars are of the latest and finest make, and luxurious Pullman Palace Sleeping and Hotel Cars are attached to all through trains. The novel buffet parlor cars are run on day trains, and reclining chair cars on night trains, between St. Louis and Kansas City. The rates via this line are always as low as any other, and direct connection are made with express trains of other lines at junction points.

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Sam McSpadden will be sure to give you the value of your money. Give him a call and a trial.

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Highest Cash Price paid for Furs, Game and Produce. Opposite Frank H. Case, Vinita, I. T.

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Dealer in

Dry Goods,

Groceries,

And everything usually kept in a well assorted store. I sell low as the lowest for cash. Call and see me and price my goods.

CLAREMORE, I. T.

Bulls For Sale!

A SELECT LOT OF

40 HEAD OF THOROUGHBRED & HIGH-GRADE BULLS,

Two and Three Years old in the Spring. Six Holsteins, 1 thoroughbred Devon, and balance Short-horns. This stock was selected from among the best herds in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and shipped here early last fall. I also offer for sale my Thoroughbred Short-horn Bull, "Bustie," three years old, weight 1,800 pounds. Call on or address

W. W. RUSHMORE, Cherryvale, Kans.

Notice.

Vinita, Sept. 20, 1883

G. H. Warren has purchased the Grand River Mills, mouth of Pryor's creek, and requests the same patronage as given to his predecessor. The mill will be run under the same management and by the same miller as before—Thos. Wright. Address:

G. H. WARREN, Choteau, I. T.

2th.

# G. H. Lewis' Great Emporium

On Pryor's Creek, 4 Miles East of Choteau,

HAS BEEN RESTOCKED WITH A LARGE LINE OF

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Fine Dry Goods & Groceries,

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Will pay the highest market price for Produce in Exchange for goods.

G. H. LEWIS.

P. O., Choteau,

Ind. Ter.

## MUST BE SOLD!

In consequence of having to move my business house inside of the next thirty days, I will sell regardless of cost till then the following goods, to reduce my stock: Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, &c. I can't move with the load I have and am bound to unload. So come and get the benefit. I mean just what I say.

G. W. GREEN.

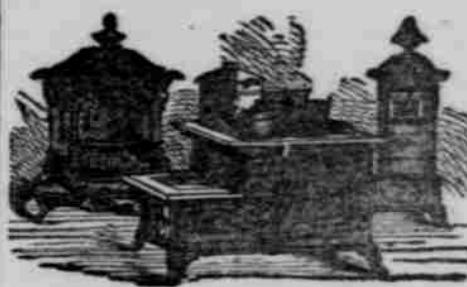
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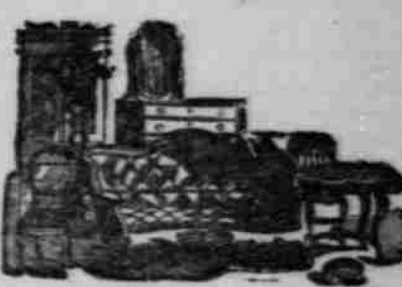
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